

## **REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1 and 15 and Figure 1 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

### **I. Objections to the Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Figure 1 has been amended to harmonize with page 11, lines 3-4 of the Specification. Previously, Figure 1 depicted a plurality of OLTs (Optical Line Terminations) connected to another OLT. The amended Figure 1 depicts a plurality of ONUs (Optical Network Units) connected to an OLT. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of this figure.

### **II. Objections to the Claims**

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 15 for informalities. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of these claims.

### CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 1-16, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207 3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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
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